

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary Excerpt  
November 18, 2003**

DEP facilitated an open discussion to gather input on what Master Plan goals, priorities and strategies DEP should consider either revising or maintaining. Suggestions and comments from meeting participants included:

- Local permitting processes and approvals are a barrier to developing waste diversion infrastructure. DEP should enhance its support for these types of projects, including providing DEP support for certain types of facilities, making state land available for the development of certain types of facilities, and providing guidance and criteria for local review and permitting of solid waste and recycling facilities.
- Ensure that DEP regional decisions are consistent with the goals of the Master Plan;
- Promulgate the C&D ban as soon as possible, as this will encourage additional infrastructure development for C&D materials recycling;
- Keep the no net import/export goals as something to strive towards, even if it is not achieved;
- Reconsider the current moratorium on combustion facility development (there were opposing viewpoints stated on this issue);
- Continue to maintain the state's aggressive waste reduction goal, as having a high goal is very important to achieving success;
- Shift waste ban enforcement to reduce emphasis on disposal facilities and place greater emphasis on haulers and generators;
- Increase product take-back/product stewardship activities by making this a requirement of state purchasing activities/contracts;
- Work toward creating a "cultural shift" and promoting waste reduction to residents of the Commonwealth, including statements by top state leaders such as the Environmental Affairs Secretary or the Governor;
- Continue to make promotion of Pay-As-You-Throw a priority; and
- Work with other states across the Northeast to develop an integrated regional solid waste management plan.